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7 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND REPORTS  
ATTENTION : Chief, Geographic Division  
FROM : RQM/OIS  
SUBJECT : Area Study of Chinese Provinces  
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REFERENCE : [REDACTED]

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1. Pursuant to conversation between [REDACTED] of the Geographic Division and [REDACTED] of RQM/OIS, it is requested that the Geographic Division prepare an area study on the following four provinces of China:

- a. Tsinghai
- b. Kansu
- c. Sikang
- d. Northwestern Szechuan

2. The study should be general in nature and may be compiled primarily from overt information. It should include:

- a. Terrain
- b. Climate
- c. Religious and ethnic groups and their relationships
- d. Transportation and communications
- e. Food, clothing, etc.
- f. Brief history of areas

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3. It is requested that four (4) copies of the above be prepared. Operational questions should be directed to [REDACTED] on ext. 8651 and administrative questions to [REDACTED] on ext. 8641.

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